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By Charles Backstrom

- Psychology
- Sparklers!
- Baroque Defined
- Persuasion Plus
- You Can't Win

We were watching "Til The Clouds Roll By" the other night and saw Judy Garland spill a stack of plates. A three year old in our row piped up with "Oh, the damn dishes fell!" His mother tried to shush him down, but it was a little late—he'd learned how to express himself at home. I guess they'd forgotten that a child can look only to his parents to copy their standards of what's right to do and to be. Leaves his folks with quite a mission. doesn't it?

Dorothy Matthey, newly elected secretary treasurer of the Student Commission, is sporting a diamond these days. . . to top it all off. The groom to be is Lou Remark, of course! Howie Peters put himself out of circulation recently too by popping the question to Phyllis Groth. My, my marriage is such a wonderful institution.

They say there are some people in Renaissance Humanities who still think the Baroque period is the last week and a half before the GI check comes in. Maybe it's as Mr. (open the door) Pritchard says: "Humanities is a Greek word meaning 'folly of education.'"

Did you ever have Miss Holmquist arrange your life? She was registering some math majors the other day: "But you must take design. Just think of all the fun you will have drawing up things. Besides, the art department has the best view of the whole campus!"

After some of the last psychology tests, we have to rationalize a bit on how, in true-false tests, the smartest ones always get the worst marks anyway, because they know the expectations to the generalized principles stated. Hope nobody fell into one of the Good Doctor's psychological holes!

Some of us were of the opinion that deridit and environment pretty much took care of determining intelligence, but after listening to the stuff radioed to the kids every afternoon, I've decided the psychologists have forgotten to include Hot Ralston.

There's been quite a stir over some of the letters of former "lights" of this school who are now teaching in the wilds of North Dakota or the hinterland of Ten Thousand Swamps. From where comes this superior attitude of wasting one's talents on these snerd-like dolts in small excuses for schools? What happened to that belief in the worth of every child—that vow for at least an introduction to education for all that Americans used to profess. Is the thought that the teacher has the highest calling in our country too old-fashioned for us moderns here? I thought the "TC" in MSTC stood for something other than Titillating Concern.

I like to come to school via Concordia to watch the pitying head shakes when those walking nearby see me turn toward our Alma Mater.

An extra scoop of ice cream when the boss isn't looking is guaranteed all comers by our co-ed swing-shifters at Howard's Ice Cream Store, "Ginny" Pearson and Dorothy Jones. They've been working for about two months now—evenings, week-ends, and what-have-you while really padding their savings accounts on the side.

## Three MS Students Graduate At Close Of Winter Quarter

Glenn Ringstad, Hawley, graduated from the four year curriculum course with a B.S. degree at the end of the winter quarter. Lorraine Kurpins, Lockhart and Borghild Transrud, Wyndmere, N. D., graduated from the two-year course of study.

Ringstad has accepted a position as English teacher at Borup high school, and Borghild Transrud will teach at Hitterdal.

## MS, Concordia Hosts To Student Body Delegates

Moorhead State Teachers college and Concordia college, are co-hosts to the representatives from student governing bodies from nine Minnesota colleges. This meeting is a direct follow-up on the discussion of October 12, held at Augsburg college. It is planned to make these discussions which are directed to solving student governing problems an annual affair.

Willis Nord of Concordia will lead today's discussion. The members of Concordia's Student Forum and the old and new members of our student commission will attend in addition to representatives sent by other colleges.

The schedule of events includes an organization meeting today, March 14, from 2:00 to 4:00. A tour of the MSTC and Concordia campuses is slated at 4:00, after which they will attend a banquet in our student center. A discussion meeting will be held in Ingleside following the dinner.

The program for the banquet is as follows: Trumpet trio, Glenn Flint, John Johnson and Delmar Gysler accompanied by Burniel Olson; vocal solo, Cathy Haukebo, accompanied by Marion Haukebo; clarinet solo—Elburn Cooper accompanied by Burniel Olson.

Problems pertaining to discipline, finance, election of officers, constitutions, and general methods of procedure are the main topics for discussion.

Delegates will represent St. Johns, Augsburg, St. Cloud Teachers, St. Scholastica, St. Marys at Winona, Bemidji State Teachers, Duluth State Teachers, Gustavus Adolphus and St. Thomas colleges.

## Coming Events

- March 14 — Student governing bodies meeting.
- All-college party.
- Conference dinner.
- March 15 — Student governing bodies meeting.
- Sigma Tau Delta dinner.
- March 17 — Sigma Alpha Iota pledge.
- Musical.
- March 18 — Psi Delta Kappa Party.
- March 19 — Gamma Nu Party.
- Music Recital.
- March 20 — LSA Meeting.
- Newman Club Meeting.
- March 21 — Beta Chi Escort Party.
- High School Oratorical Contest.
- March 24 — M Club Supper.
- March 25 — Psi Delta Kappa Tea.
- Gamma Nu Tea.
- March 27 — YWCA Meeting.

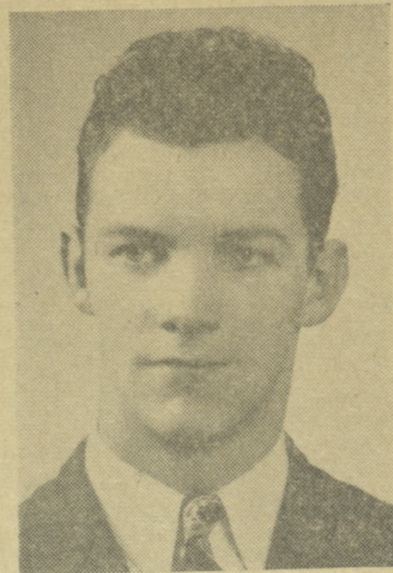
## Spring Ball, Rushing Are Discussed At Intersorority Council

The traditional inter-sorority spring formal and spring rushing were topics of discussion at the intersorority council meeting, which was held March 12.

Juell Linde, Neche, N. O., of the Pi Mu Phi sorority is the chairman of the formal, which has been set tentatively for April 11 at the American Legion Hall in Moorhead. The committees are divided among the sororities as follows: orchestra and programs, Gamma Nu sorority; refreshments and locale, Psi Delta Kappa sorority; invitations, Pi Mu Phi sorority; and decorations, Beta Chi sorority.

Spring rushing will be held during the week of March 17-23. The Beta Chi's and Gamma Nu's are the sororities which are carrying on rushing activities.

## Students Elect John C. McDonald To '47-'48 Commission Presidency



John C. McDonald

A reassertion of the position of the Student Commission as a servant of the student body and an appeal to the students for suggestions was made by John C. McDonald, Hawley, recently elected president of the MSTC Student Commission, who was installed with the other new commissioners Thursday morning, March 13, in Weld Hall Auditorium. In his address Mr. McDonald also outlined plans for the 1947-48 Orientation program and the homecoming celebrations which are scheduled to be held October 31 and November 1.

Mr. McDonald who is the Junior class president is a member of Newman Club, International Relations Club, choir, band, and the men's

chorus. He has also participated in football and baseball activities and is the secretary of the M Club.

Dorothy Matthey, Wheatland, N. D., was installed as secretary of the commission.

Others who were installed in the new commission are as follows: forensics commissioner — Marion Haukebo, Underwood; social commissioner — Betty Papermaster, Fargo, N. D.; pep commissioner — Rosemary Dodds, Moorhead; education commissioner — Ted Jacobson, Battle Lake; religious commissioner — Dorothy Jones, Moorhead; athletic commissioner — John W. MacDonald, Aitkin; publicity commissioner — Myrle Townsend, Moorhead; properties commissioner — Russell Moe, Audubon; and music commissioner — George Olson, Moorhead.

The convocation program opened with an organ prelude by Mrs. Adele Berquist; the scripture reading by Rhoda Rehder, Comstock; a piano solo by Bettie Fuller, Moorhead; and a vocal selection was sung by Charlotte Heisler, Fargo, N. D.

Joyce Coleman, Fargo, retiring president of the Student Commission, summarized the commission activities of the past year. Dr. C. P. Lura adviser of the group, administered the oath of office to the new president, John C. McDonald, who then outlined the future plans of the new commission. The administration of the oath of office to the new commissioners with the presentation of the symbols of their respective offices concluded the services.

## Stroboconn Purchased For MSTC Music And Speech Departments



Have you noticed the added excitement around the music department lately? Have you wandered by the open door of the choir room and seen little groups like the one pictured above? That little instrument that is the center of attraction is a Stroboscope, I beg your pardon, the name has recently been changed to Stroboconn to conform with the brand name.

The instrument is made by the Conn Instrument Co., Elkhart, Ind., who made it originally for their own use in checking the accuracy of pitch of the instruments they made. However, professional musicians urged them to put it on the public market for use in tuning bands and testing voices. It can be used to discover the nature of any deviations in pitch of an instrument or voice and reveals a picture

of strong and weak overtones.

The Stroboconn operates on a stroboscopic disc principle and gives the listener a chance to see rather than hear the fluctuations of his voice which is extremely advantageous as the perception of the eye is much sharper than that of the ear. To be even more technical, the instrument is tuned to an equal temperate scale with A 440 as basis. It measures pitch with 1/100 of a semitone. To show how exact this is, we ask the reader to note that one cycle of a vibration is approximately 4/100 of a semitone and the lowest audible tone has 16 vibrations while middle C has 261.63 vibrations.

The metal in the Stroboconn is especially alloyed to compensate for changes in temperature and humidity. Another feature that adds to the exactness of measurement is that there is a graduated scale to

which is attached a movable arm by means of which the observer may determine the exact deviation of his tone from true pitch.

The music department here plans to put the Stroboconn to practical use in tuning the band and in testing the choir voices to determine which singers are flat and which are sharp after which they will be assigned to corrective study groups. Another plan is to make psychological studies in the deviations of tones with the singing of scales and intervals. They also plan to make a study of tone quality by setting up an overtone description of what a good voice should have.

The department hopes to make the Stroboconn available to students for their private efforts to correct faults in the pitch of instruments, of singing and in the development of a well modulated speaking voice.

## Freshman Sponsor St. Patrick's Day Party Tonight

Tonight at 8 o'clock, the freshman class is sponsoring an all college St. Patrick's day party in the large gym. An Irish motif is to be carried out with a lot of Irish "blarney" on hand. All students and wives or husbands of married students are urged to attend.

Janette Coleman, freshman social commissioner, is in charge of all arrangements. The committee assisting her are as follows:

Decorations — Delores Gruchella, Moorhead; Arliss Halvorson, Moorhead; Helen Ruebke, Ada; Vern Owens, Crookston; Shirlemae Nelson, Moorhead; Ross Hawley, Woburn, Vernon Peterson, Ada; Bu Henderson, Casselton, N. D.; Charles Hanson, Henning; Gordon Christianson, Moorhead; Audrey Poh White Rock, S. D.; Gloria Zetterstein, Wheaton and David Kege Fargo, N. D.

Program — Gloria Gilbertson, Shelley; Norma Hedland, Kindred, N. D.; Shirley Starr, Pelican Rapids; Carl Brooks, Pelican Rapids; Francis Colby, West Fargo, N. D.; Burne Olson, Fargo, N. D.; Ruth Heggeness, Moorhead; Juanita Kahle, Detroit Lakes.

Entertainment — Lois Anderson, Deer Creek; Donna Lunder, Barnesville; Janet Jones, Mound; Carl Seegar, Mahanomen; Jerry Kran Frazee; Milton Seifert, Pelican Rapids; Donald Sannes and Edsel Wicklund, both of Moorhead.

Refreshments — Dorothy Poh White Rock, S. D.; Jeanne Varty Marilyn Johnson, Kindred, N. D.; Inez Jaekel, Frazee; Charles Sche and Larry Murray, both of Moorhead.

Clean-up committee — Delah Redmann, Rothsay; Lois Laud Kennedy; Idella Medehill, Plumme Doris Swanson, Red Lake Falls; A lene Smith, Nielsville; Betty Smith Arline Hilde, Adams, N. D.; Bever Hillberg, Sisseton, S. D.; Lorrain Haug, Fairdale, N. D.; James Doken, Thief River Falls; John Conzmus, Breckenridge, and Jam Dahl, Gwinner, N. D.



# THE WESTERN MISTIC STAFF:

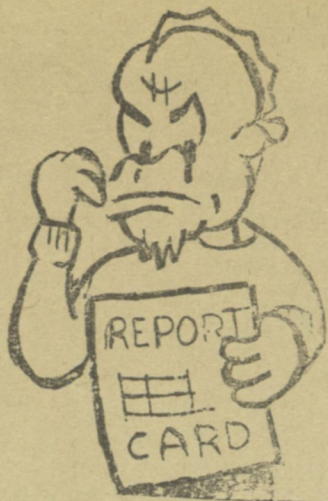
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## Dennie Dragon



What?? No A's

## What Is In A Name? Fame, Blame, Shame

What's in a name? Nothing much, according to our friend William S. A rose by any other name would smell as sweet etc.—But we are one of those irreverent people who do not accept William as the final authority on everything. The denizens of the Mermaid Tavern have nothing on us. We say there's a lot in a name and to prove it, take a look at this.

For instance there's Bob Fielder. Is there any more fitting name for this large hulking specimen of humanity from Staples than "Poopsie"? Try and find one. Or the equally voluminous mass from Michigan, Otto Klug, who is known by the tender appellation of "Klug", and then, there's Mary Helen Jones, "The

Flower Box." Personally, in this case we think "Bachelor Button," much more appropriate.

Audrey Cornell, formerly known most appropriately as "Themesong," raises such a stew about the matter that now the word is "Muddy Waters," if you don't want to die a sudden death.

"Buzz" Grey must have some reason for being called "Grandpa" although on the basketball team he certainly doesn't act like one. We would like to know how come the first name but maybe that isn't any of our "Buzzness."

We are quite confused about the matter of the McDonalds. We have "Long John," "Blond John," "Aitkin (Achin) John," "Dark John," "Married John," and "Moorhead John" all mixed up together and have no idea who is who. One would think that the people who apply these names would be more careful. It's bad enough having two John McDonalds without complicating matters.

Girls! avoid this fellow, Ray Kulenski! Automobiles aren't at all safe places when he's in them. His inclinations for parking are summed up by what the fellows call him "Kirby."

Of course, there's our old stand by Dr. Christensen just loves to be called "Baldy." We hear he has written a new book. He calls it, "Baldy of Dome."

A name with the savor of the roarin' wild way-out west is owned by Marian Metcalf. One hears the thud of horse's hoofs everytime she hears the name Monty.

And maybe, while we're at it, we could even propose a few names of our own, like: Jim Gotta — Doll Face; Walt Van Meter—"Fumbles"; Don Schlattman—"Dimples"; Max Powers—"Abie"; Esther Leino — "Goo-goo eyes"; Bob Bruns—"Wolf" or at least it used to be. Has the navy changed him?; Jerry Kranz—"Pagliacci".

If this column doesn't meet with the heartiest approval, just remember, the moral is—Sticks and stones may break my bones, etc, etc, etc, etc, etc.

## Four Students To Practice Teach In Rural Schools

Student teachers who are teaching in the affiliated rural school system during the six weeks period which began Tuesday, March 11, left MSTC Monday. Kay Luthander, Graceville, and Mary Helen Jones, Fargo, are practice teaching in Averill and Barbara Guth, Rochert and Eileen Schmunck, Crookston, are in Oak Mound.

## EDITORIALS

### Toward Student Federation

By James Cochran

Now, in this post-war period, students must truly open their eyes and see what is going on about them in the world.

A great world conflict between two vigorously opposed ideologies of government terminated only a brief time ago. Yet it is now possible to see all about us an increasing amount of complacency on the part of college students as to their showing a sincere interest in world affairs and an honest wish to better the deteriorated conditions of humanity. Too many of us still can't see beyond our individual materialistic desires; for others it appears to be an impossibility to realize that there are thousands of persons the world over that are actually starving.

Unreal as these conditions may seem to us at present they will arouse implications that may involve all of us in the not too distant future in another wholesale slaughter of an atomic character. As often as your eyes have come across this threat of an atomic war in the newspapers it seems that the general public and supposedly intelligent college students have done very little materially to alleviate this calamitous threat.

There is something that can be done and it can be done here on this campus as it is being done in so many other localities. On a great many college campuses there is work of a very creative nature being done to bring into existence a Federal World Government whose sole purpose it will be to make an effectively functioning World Federation.

It seems to me that any student who served in the armed forces and any potential teacher and present instructors could see the immediate necessity for some good sound talk and action on this subject of World Government. Very few persons would deny the fact that it will take nothing less than an effectively working democratic world organization to insure the permanent peace and economic security of the world.

Advancing on this premise of the need for a practical world government it can be said that anyone truly desiring to have something he can do to advance this much-needed ideal need not feel that his efforts would be without direction. The facts are quite to the contrary; there already exists on numerous college campuses national organizations who are doing much in the way of educating themselves and others to the nature and form of a world government that will make the United Nations a strong and democratic organization. One of these organization was formed on the campus of Northwestern University just last May. They have sent out manuals that set up a program for practical work in the way of educating college students to the need and form of a working world organization. They call themselves **Students for Federal World Government**. Their organization has been endorsed by such highly acclaimed personalities as Albert Einstein, Ely Culbertson, and a host of others. They have put on several programs of public education in Chicago and are carrying on work on a 24 hour basis from their headquarters in Evanston, Ill. It is the sincere hope of a number of students on the campus that the student body will take an interest in this pertinent problem of human welfare and possibly direct our organized efforts to a very constructive ideal. I would be very pleased to have comments both from the faculty and the student body on this extremely important issue.

Comment can be directed to me personally or to my P. O. box 145.

### Another Look To The Future

Once again it's time to pay over-due library fines, begrudgingly toss a few greenbacks to Beatrice Lewis and locate room 304 for that 8 o'clock class. Again we resolve to do a bang-up job in this term only to see our mental fortitude dwindle away as the weeks pass. There is one consolation, however, it's just three months before vacation.

.... The Editor

## RAMBLING 'ROUND

By Howard Binford

- Mystic Rival
- Beta Chi Auxillary

Our Mistic has another rival in the field of journalism. Mr. Max Powers, who has been teaching a journalism unit at the campus high school, turned up with a neat four page issue of the "Dragon's Eye Junior" which his ninth grade students had published as their final class project.

We found many items of interest in the paper too... along with some worth-while suggestions for Mstic improvement. The crowning glory of the paper was the full column cut of the campus high school which was featured on page 1.

Ever hear of the Beta Chi fraternity? It's the latest thing in campus organizations. All of the fellows who were invited to the Beta Chi formal at the Graver Hotel last week, have united in this unprecedented group.

They plan to give the girls a return dance sometime soon just to prove their appreciation of the swell time extended them. Don Morgan is president of the boys, while Howard Binford is their secretary-treasurer.

Tidbits: Rayon and nylon stockings are back on store shelves all over the country... So another shortage is alleviated. However, the rayons are supposedly of an inferior quality which stretch out of shape in a matter of two or three wearings; Carl Peltonimi, who has been ill with pneumonia for almost a month, sent for an absentee ballot for last week's Student Commission election. He voted from his bedroom in New York Mills just to display that there's still some of that old college spirit left in his old soul; How long before someone sees the first robin of '47?

The culmination of the winter quarter brought diplomas to two Mistic staffers. Our technical advisor, Frank Lindquist, no longer is on hand to put the paper "to bed" on press nights when the whole process of publication is at its hectic height. Borup, Minnesota now claims your favorite feature writer, Glen Ringstad, who took to teaching just two days after receiving his B. A. Besides all of his anonymous features, he served as Mistic critic on any assignment that needed criticizing or reviewing. We on the staff, and you as readers, will miss them both... indirectly and directly. Then too, Duane Mansager, who has been our right arm on the feature page all year, has left school to top it all off. Oh... I never really wanted to be a journalist anyway!

If you're thinking of transferring to some other institution to continue your training in some field other than teaching, you'd better start looking for a school pretty soon. And, after you've found yourself a school, look for a room in the same city! Taking all factors into consideration, it doesn't look like conditions will be much better next year than they are now. It pays to make preparatory arrangements for that transcript at least six months before you hope to actually change schools.

- Veteran's Views
- Spring Fever

This may be old to many of you veterans, but we thought it rather cute anyway. (Besides, it fills up space!) Then too, it fits right in with the topic of stratification that the sociology classes have been discussing recently.

It seems that two former servicemen were discussing the merits of having a college education, and were unable to draw any definite conclusions one way or the other. Then, one of them tossed in this experience of his that sort of favors stupidity.

Once, while in boot camp, the top kick ordered the platoon to clean up the camp grounds in this way. Those who had college educations were to pick up all of the cigarette butts; those with high school training, the cigarette stubs; and those with no education at all were supposed to stand around and watch so that they could possibly learn something!

The first wisps of spring are in the air... and with their coming, our fancies quite naturally turn to thoughts of love. So it was that a certain MS co-ed included the following in her prayers last evening. "Oh Lord," she said, "I'm not asking anything for myself, but give me to some woman for a daughter-in-law!"

And as this editor slips the last slug into the editorial column, he sighs a big long sigh and remembers a quickie from last Sunday's Chicago Herald American. According to it, the world is full of willing people... those willing to work, and those willing to let them!

## Comments On Curriculum

By The Inquiring Reporter

Going scholastic this time, we surveyed our student body regarding their opinions of the MSTC curriculum. Their answers were to our query. "Are you satisfied with your curriculum here at MSTC?" Now let them speak their pieces, agreeable, and otherwise.

Vaughn Mitton—After a Spanish test, I should be happy?

Lloyd Amundson—Yes, it is satisfactory for two years of pre-work.

Margaret Miller—Let's have a stronger speech department, and more people out for inter-collegiate forensic activities.

Wayne Russell—I'd like my first class sometime after noon.

Bob Dodds—about everything I need for my pre-engineering course I can get at MSTC.

Beatrice Wolters — I'm satisfied here because I have secured the qualifications to enable me to accept an elementary or junior high position anywhere in the state.

Ruth Haarstick—Speech is an important part of our everyday life. Why can't we have more of it?? We surely need it.

George Bigelow—The curriculum's okay. It's just the way they teach it.

Robert Good—It's absolutely all right as far as I'm concerned. I

plan to transfer later to the University of Minnesota for further law training.

Hawley Ela—I'm majoring in social studies and am getting everything that I need in that field.

Berniel Olson—The curriculum's okay, but I do hate deficiency slips.

Marie Le Noue—I'm perfectly satisfied with the course of study, but I certainly wish they'd brighten up some of those duller classes.

Pat Briggs—I'd be more satisfied if all classes were electives, then. I could take courses which would further my study in my chosen field of music.

Frank Lindquist—I'm graduating at the end of the winter quarter, and so it's too late for me to do anything about it. However, I did want to major in industrial arts without other majors or minors.

Joanne Curran—I don't exactly want to take some of the required courses, but I've been told often enough that they'll do me some good, and I've come to realize that they will.

Bob Fielder—Certainly not! My schooling has been interrupted by the war. Then, several courses were combined while I was away so I am now duplicating some subjects that I have already taken.



## College Presents Radio Broadcasts

A discussion of the principles of atomic energy was the feature of the thirteenth college broadcast on March 3. At that time, Dr. Glenn C. Dildine and Mr. Carlin Dahler of the division of science and mathematics, and Richard Foresth, Detroit Lakes, set forth the basic principles behind the atom bomb and the situations leading up to its discovery.

On the following Monday evening, March 10, Bettie Fuller, Moorhead, was to have presented a piano recital on the college program. However, technical difficulties forced postponement until a later date.

The broadcast for March 17 will come from the industrial arts department and will be one more step in the presentation of the various special departments of the school.

KVOX carries these MSTC programs at 7:45 each Monday evening.

## Minnesotans Named In Army Newspaper

Mentioned in a recent edition of the Junior Redlander, a paper published by the Army Post School at Schofield Barracks in Honolulu, are these people who may be of interest to students and faculty of MSTC.

Eleanor Laing, an alum of MSTC, has been named adviser of the Junior Redlander. Miss Laing has been an instructor in this school for the past year.

Previous to Miss Laing's teaching, she was a WAC captain in the United States military forces and received the citation of the Army commendation ribbon for performing meritorious services as commanding officer of the 1560th SCU station company WAC section at Camp Atterbury, Indiana.

As a former student of the college, Miss Laing was active on the Mistic, Student Commission, Lambda Phi Sigma, and was placed in the hall of fame. She was a member of the Pi Mu Phi sorority.

Major E. W. Beck of the Bemidji Teachers College has been post school officer in charge of all divisions of the children's school in Hawaii. Major Beck will resume his position as chairman of the division of education at Bemidji when he returns to Minnesota.

Stanley Nordin, a graduate of the St. Cloud State Teachers College, has the position of basketball coach at Schofield Barracks.

President Otto W. Snarr has appointed Dr. C. P. Lura, dean of men, as the new adviser of the Student Commission. Dr. Lura will replace Miss Virginia FitzMaurice, who will be unable to resume her advisory position because of her recent illness.

## In The Sororities

### Beta Chi

Three girls were recently pledged to the Beta Chi sorority. They are Beverlee Olson, Montivedeo, Mae Hanson, Pelican Rapids, and Clarice Moberg, Moorhead.

Eight girls were initiated Monday, March 3, at the home of Mrs. W. S. Tarbell, Moorhead. They are Joan Randall, Graceville; Harriet St. John, Kathrine Julian and Pat Briggs, Moorhead; Nona Weed and Donna Brun, Fargo; Eunice Chelgren, Hitterdal; and Eileen Olson, Glyndon.

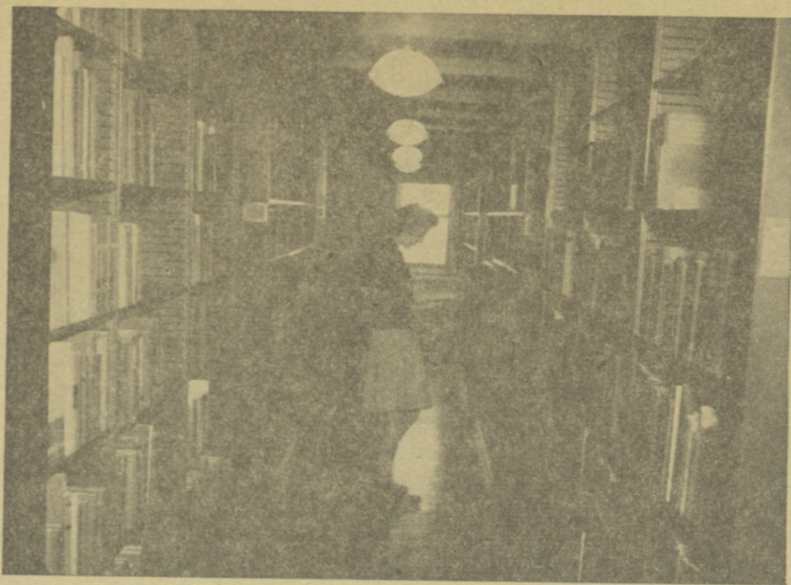
Those participating in the initiation ceremony were: Bernice Gunderson, Georgetown; Gale Haggland, St. Hilaire; Frances Sloan, Detroit Lakes; Patricia Geiger, Hamilton, N. Dak.; Virginia Trowbridge, Comstock; Fern Stennes, Hendrum and Mrs. W. S. Tarbell, Moorhead. The sorority held a formal dance February 31, in the Avenue Room of the Graver Hotel.

### Gamma Nu

Initiation ceremonies were held for five Gamma Nu pledges Sunday, March 2, in the Lewis Room of the Congregational Church. Those initiated at the service were: Sue Ungerecht, Detroit Lakes; Audrey Cornell, Rustad; Anita Krabbenhoft, Sabin; Janice Glasgow, Barnesville, and Mary Elizabeth Hagen, Fargo.

Following the ceremonies by Esther Leino, Chisholm; Virginia Pearson, Moorhead; Iva Shafer, Oakes, North Dakota, and Ruth Shillerstrom, Moorhead, refreshments were served.

## Spotlighting the Library



Pictured above is a scene from the MSTC library, displaying a small section of the books that the library has collected in the past fifteen years. Following is a brief history of the development of the library and its facilities.

The library at MSTC has come a long way since its beginning back in the '90's when the college was known as the State Normal school. At that time, each pupil took his turn at caring for the 1300 volumes then in the collection, which were valued at \$2,250.

When the addition was built to Old Main, housing the gymnasium on the first floor and the auditorium on the third floor, the library was moved into quarters on the second. The collection had grown to 3500 volumes by now, and a librarian was in charge.

Then, in 1915, Weld Hall was built and the auditorium in Old Main was supplanted by the more modern one in the new building. This left the large third floor room at Old Main empty and the library decided to move.

On that wintry night of February 9, 1930, a fire destroyed Old Main and the valuable library collection that it housed. To quote from an old issue of the MISTIC, "Many expressions of regret were heard as the library with its 25,000 volumes, probably the most loved and most valuable part of the whole building, crashed into this inferno with all of its accumulated treasures."

The destruction of the card catalog and the accession records can not be minimized. They would have been an immeasurable help to the librarian in building a new collection. A large, valuable, modern library was destroyed. And Sarah Houghman, the librarian, was faced with the gigantic task of reconstruction.

She and her staff accepted the challenge and set about immediately to establish new quarters.

Quarters were assigned to the library in the rooms of the Home Economics department in Weld Hall. Then, the problem of accumulating and preparing a collection began. Individuals and organizations came forward with generous gifts to give the library a new lease on life. Gifts of books and money were contributed by faculty members. Funds for book purchasers were raised by various student organizations. Alumni banded together to help in the emergency. Many friends of the library in Moorhead, Fargo and other places sent contributions. Other schools and libraries also made generous gifts.

With the expert guidance and unceasing hard work of Miss Houghman and her staff, the library grew in its cramped quarters. Books were accessioned, cataloged, and prepared for the shelves; magazines were accumulated and bound; documents were cared for; and when MacLean Hall was completed, housing new library quarters on the first floor, they were ready to move their already sizable, well-balanced collection.

Friday, April 29, 1932, was moving day. With a festive holiday atmosphere pervading the campus, the students were organized into teams to carry books from the old building to the new. Following plans made previously by the librarian, students transferred the books, entering by the rear door of the library, placing their books in their allotted places, and filing out the front entrance to go back for more. When the last volumes had been carried over, the library was in order and ready for business. The new library with its two spacious reading rooms, its smaller rooms and offices, and the stack space for approximately 40,000 volumes was a wonderful improvement over the old library.

Since that day in April, 1932, the library has grown to great proportions. Including the children's and young people's books in the campus school, the collection now has topped 30,000 volumes. It subscribes to three local papers, three twin city papers, the Christian Science Monitor, and the New York Times, besides 168 periodicals.

That's where we are today. That collection, gathered together as it has been through the years, is available for every student of MSTC as one of the extra services of the school. Miss Houghman and Mr. Walfred Erickson, the two librarians at the present time, are always willing to serve students in any way they can.

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## Letters To The Editor

### Editor's Note:

Comment expressed in this column reflects the views of the individual students and is not necessarily the opinion of the editorial staff.

The Mistic invites students to submit letters to the editor. We only ask that the article be reasonably brief, to the point, conform to a journalistic style and that the writer have some logical basis for the statements he makes.

### To the Editor:

Disregarding personalities as are bound to be involved in such chastisement, en masse, I must take the defensive in last week's Mistic college professor issue.

We're fortunate in having a staff of instructors at our school far and above the unwholesome description used in last week's issue of the Mistic. No justification or vindication for the type of teacher described, however.

An individual who has matured, or let us put it this way, should have matured beyond the high

school stage, should be quite capable of directing his activities at college without the baby sitting spoon feeding, sugar coated procedure used in the elementary school.

It's an indictment against college students which belittles, to be so unprepared for college work so as to require motivation from other sources than oneself. I think the critical student has a distorted sense of values as far as college work is concerned. I'm convinced that a few generalizations are more valuable in life than enumeration of specific procedure.

Let me urge the reading of "How to Think" by John Dewey and "Advice to Freshmen" from the "College Omnibus."

"Defender"

### Rev. Studer, Dr. Dildine Address YWCA

Reverend Stafford Studer, professor of religion at NDAC and Dr. Glenn C. Dildine, MSTC, discussed "What Should I Get Out of College" for the members of the YWCA Thursday evening, March 13. Following the discussion the meeting was opened for question from the floor.

A program with a "School Days" theme consisted of musical numbers by Miss Viola Petrie, Miss Jan Johnson and Susan Lewis.

### Kappa Delta Pi Plans Regional Conference

The Gamma Gamma chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, national honor society in education, met in Ingleside, Wednesday, March 5, with Dr. Ella Hawkinson, Shirley Andrews, Herman, and Kathryn Brandli, Warroad, as hostesses. Plans for conducting the regional conference of Kappa Delta Pi on the campus in April were considered at the meeting.

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# Football, Baseball To Highlight Schedule

## Track Prospects Not Too Bright

### Predict Large Number of Men Trying Out

Track prospects for the 1947 season are not too bright. Moorhead State Teachers college had plenty of track men and prospects of developing others but—there-in lies a story.

It seems that there is in the agenda of the state legislature at the present time a bill which specifies budgets for the teachers colleges. Included is one small school packed away near the North Dakota border. Namely, Moorhead State Teachers college.

We are requesting a number of things. One item of the group calls for a new—well, almost new football field—and another calls for putting a curb on the track and in general making the whole thing over and in so doing putting it back in shape.

Pending a verdict from the legislature on that bill not much can be done in track. The schedule of bills calls for that hunk of wood pulp to be considered—maybe next week. Lets hope its affirmative.

The track is in deplorable shape and until it is repaired there can be no track meets at MSTC.

As is usual in the Teachers College conference track meets the schools are into two divisions. St. Cloud, Mankato and Winona make up the eastern division and Duluth, Bemidji and MSTC in the western division.

These schools will hold meets at the various schools and on May 23 will meet in St. Cloud to combine a track meet for both divisions. That track meet will decide the championship of the Teachers College conference.

A few of the candidates for track this year include:

Deedy Forseth and Keith Woods—pole vault; John Conzemius, Woods and Jack Garrett—low hurdles; Jerry Kranz and Chuck Schiel—dashes; Forseth and Dave Torson—broad jump; Torson, Garrett and Jim Gotta—high jump; Virgil Robinson—shot put; Al Bunkowski—discuss; Bob Dodds—440 and Leland Schenck—half mile.

This is no attempt to foretell who will represent the school at the track meets but only naming a few men known to the author of this article as track men of previous seasons.

## Dragonettes Down Cobberettes 36-25

In a preliminary game at the Moorhead Junior High School, March 1, the MSTC girls kept up their perfect record by downing the Concordia girls team 36-23, defeating this team for the second time this season. During the first half the score was close all the way, but in the third quarter the Dragonettes drove ahead and retained their lead throughout the game.

Juell Linde and Dorothy Burns were high scorers for the winners with 16 and 14 points respectively; while sharp shooter Hedman of Concordia raked in 16 of her team's points. Other Dragon scorers included Mary Ellen Burns, Pat Briggs, Dorothy Matthey and Phyllis Morben, while Rosemary Dodds, Iva Shafer, Donna Lunder, Arlyne King, Shelda Jacobson, Dorris Alexander and Marian Metcalf took their turns as guards effectively, as the score shows.

## Sports World

By DON SCHLATTMAN

Because men's sports were cut due to lack of space in the last issue of the Mistic, we give them their just due now. Mr. Domek and Mr. Wohlwend have been enthusiastic in their expectations for an intra-mural program that will furnish recreation for all of the fellows in school. They have been working on this program, and will need the support of all of the men if the intra-mural set-up for the spring is to be successful. This means that you will have to participate, for no program can be carried on without plenty of players. Soft ball can be a big sport if all come out and swing a bat when the firing starts. How about it you Babe Ruths and Ted Williams?

This is probably the time to do some plain talking about the physical education set up at the college, its present status and its plans for the future. Some persons on the campus have felt that the varsity athletes were getting all of the breaks and guys like you and me who like to play but who do not have varsity ability were getting a bum deal, to put it plainly. Such is not really the case, and whatever the failings of the intra-mural program, all of the blame can not be put on the athletic office. The basketball program for intra-mural was well mapped out for this winter, and the persons who were supposed to play and did not bother to show up can really shoulder most of the blame. After all, a successful program requires participation by all. The players make the program what it is. The athletic office has lined up a complete program for this spring term and with the publicity and effort they intend to put into it, the only reason that it might be a failure lies in the fact that students might not participate. Remember students, it is your participation and loyal support that will make this program a booming success. The caliber of the games depends on just how much you wish to put into the sport that you want to play. There will be a sport for everyone to play and don't feel that your lack of skill should keep you away from the intra-mural program. As you train your mind to absorb knowledge, so you should train the body to be physically coordinated. Exercise will benefit every organ of the body and develop a confidence and sureness in the individual. We believe as does your whole athletic department in the philosophy of physical education. The old notion that exercise of the large muscles was vulgar and unrefined has been replaced by the new and proved ideas of the value to the mind and body through the active participation in recreational activities. There is no finer way to develop and practice alertness than to take part in some sport. The days of football players who were thicker between the ears than they were between the shoulders is long gone and you high I. Q.'s should be more than willing to come out and put your thinking processes to work in another field of endeavor. Mr. Domek, Mr. Wohlwend and Mr. Anderson are bending every effort to put over an intra-mural recreational program that will be better than any in the past. Their interest is in making the facilities available for all of the men so that you may receive the full benefit of active participation this spring. The more men that we have interested in recreational activities the bigger and more extensive the program will be. New equipment has been ordered for the carrying out of this program. There will be as much emphasis placed on intra-mural activities as will be placed on the regular spring varsity programs. Get acquainted with your athletic department and let them help you get acquainted with plenty of leisure time, fun and recreation.

## WAA Outlines Spring Activities

W.A.A. is planning a big turnout for spring athletics.

Team captains were elected at the last meeting for all the major and minor sports. Softball and volleyball, directed by Iva Shaffer and Birdie Solberg, respectively, will take the Monday hour. Wednesdays are reserved for minor sports: archery and horseshoe, captain, Josephine Bourgeois; ping pong and shuffleboard, captain, Marguerite Gerdes; swimming, captain, Delaine Redman.

This quarter the girls plan to assist Miss Frick in a Campfire girl program for the Campus High School.

## Mankato In Basketball Tournament Semi-Finals

The Mankato Indians advanced to the quarter finals of the national intercollegiate basketball tournament at Kansas City by virtue of a 65-48 win over DePaul University of Greencastle, Indiana last night.

The Indians previously defeated Loras College of Iowa on Monday night, 71-63 while Hamline trimmed the University of New Mexico, 71-40 on Tuesday.

In the second round of play Hamline was nosed out 55-54 by Marshall College of Huntington, West Virginia.

Mankato meets South-eastern Oklahoma in tonight's play.

## Athletic Award Plan Approved By Commission

The committee on Health, Recreation, and Athletics, together with the coaches and "M" Club has submitted the following athletic award system, which has been unanimously approved by the Council on Student Affairs and the Student Commission.

1. A lightweight pull-over sweater to be presented to the individual when he earns his first varsity "M" letter.
2. When the second varsity letter is earned the award will be a white unattached letter.
3. All subsequent letters will be recognized by a certificate only.
4. Graduating seniors who have earned two letters or more by completing on a varsity team will be given a choice of one only of a (1) jacket, (2) heavy coat style sweater, or (3) a blanket. The student must graduate to be eligible for this award.

This award system was necessitated because of the increase in the enrollment of more students and the return to a normal college athletic program.

## Coach Optimistic Over Baseball

### Don Anderson Sees Little Hope For Track Squad

Coach Don Anderson of the College High School reports that his prospects for a track team this spring are a little bleak.

He held a meeting of the boys in the high school recently and over seventy percent reported that they were interested in baseball but not in track.

Pending the condition of the track this spring, however, he has extended an invitation to the seven schools in the Little Valley conference to hold a meet on the Drag-on track.

In regards to baseball he is somewhat more optimistic. Interest is strong and there is a possibility of having a Little Valley conference in baseball. Five of the schools at present in the Little Valley basketball and football conferences are meeting this coming Saturday to discuss a baseball conference.

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## Spring Football Starts Monday

### Baseball Prospects For 1947 Appear Very Good

Coach Neil Wohlwend advises us that spring football will get underway in the big gym at MSTC on Monday, March 17.

Only those men issued invitations by the athletic department need appear as it is to be a select group. The schedule consists of some physical training but the emphasis will be placed on learning of plays.

The baseball team this year will be coached by Neil Wohlwend of the college athletic department.

Neil says that according to the talk he has heard going around about prospective ball players that the school should have a good team. He adds, however, that he has only seen one of the students play. So—its only hearsay.

At least four pitchers will be trying for the mound spot this spring with Buzz Gray, Joe Kolba, Norman Erickson and Ed Softing on tap. Others may appear but those are the only ones known at present.

## Spring Intramural Program Gets Underway

The all-class boys' basketball tournament will get underway next week on Monday, March 17 at 7 p. m.

The first game will be called at 7 and will pit the seniors against the sophomores while the second tilt will be played at 8:15 with the Juniors battling the freshmen.

The consolation tilt to determine third and fourth place will be played on Wednesday, March 19 at 7 p. m.

Winners of the games on Monday night will meet to determine the class championship on Thursday, March 20 at 7 p. m.

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